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Chery – I am glad I was able to connect with you on the phone today. As I indicated, on October 26, 2021, the Center for Food Safety, Friends of Toppenish Creek, and Food and Water Watch (Petitioners) submitted a Petition (attached) to the EPA Administrator and Acting Region 10 Regional Administrator to exercise the Agency's emergency powers under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to address groundwater nitrate contamination that presents a risk to the health of residents of the Lower Yakima Valley (LYV). As we discussed, EPA requests the WSDA's cooperation in providing additional information related to nitrate contamination in the LYV and the actions that WSDA is, or will be taking to protect public health. For example, EPA seeks information related to the number of licensed dairies in the LYV and pertinent information regarding each dairy operation (e.g., size, number of cattle, acreage), including applicable nutrient management plans.

I would like to set up an initial meeting with WSDA in January, 2022. Please let me know if you would like to designate a staff person to assist in the scheduling of the meeting.

I look forward to communicating with you more on this issue.

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